



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Alan R. Kaufman : Attorney Docket No.: 54432-5001
Serial No.: 09/900,106 : Group Art Unit: 3624
Filed: July 6, 2001 : Examiner: Bashore, Alain L.
For: METHOD FOR ISSUING A DERIVATIVE CONTRACT :

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated June 16, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response expiring September 16, 2004, by three months to and including December 16, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 16, 2004

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I hereby certify that this paper and documents and/or fees referred to herein as transmitted, submitted or enclosed are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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